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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel

ATTENTION: Mr. Lawrence Houston

SUBJECT: Copyright Laws

1. As I pointed out in our telephone conversation today, the Foreign Documents Division, in translating and publishing Russian books, periodicals, etc. on an unclassified basis which is followed by dissemination to University Libraries, etc. has always gone on the assumption that there is no copyright liability which might be brought against the Agency.

2. The attached article from the NEW YORK TIMES, dated 13 March 1957, states that a US citizen, Mrs. Ethel Voynich, received a royalty check early in 1956 for a book which she wrote in 1897 entitled "The Gadfly." Although there quite possibly have been other such cases, this is the first one that has come to my attention.

3. I would appreciate any advice from your office as to whether or not we should take a new look at our present policy of unclassified publication, based on the possibility that the USSR is preparing to make retroactive claims.

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Enclosure

Article entitled "New Yorker's 1897 Novel Scores Success in Soviet Lands
with Sales of 2,500,000.

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